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ABSTRACT

Although American Indian literatures are the oldest literatures on this continent, they have not generally been included in American literature courses. This volume is designed to assist teachers and students in beginning their study of the literatures of peoples native to the United States. Part 1--"Introduction to American Indian Literatures"--discusses types of oral literatures (ritual dramas, songs, narratives, and oratory), life histories and autobiographies (both oral and written), and the history of written American Indian literature from the 18th century to the present. Many examples are included. The bibliographic essay in part 2 contains sections on bibliographies and research guides; anthologies, collections, and re-creations; and scholarship and criticism. Part 3 is a selected bibliography of approximately 1,000 entries that includes works mentioned in parts 1 and 2 as well as additional references. The bibliography is organized into the following sections: bibliographies and research guides; anthologies; collections and re-creations of oral literature; collections of life histories and autobiographies; works by American Indian authors; scholarship and criticism; studies of oral literatures; studies of life histories and autobiographies; general literary studies; studies of American Indian authors; teaching American Indian literatures; backgrounds; films and videotapes; and journals and small presses. An index and a list of important dates in American Indian history are included. (SV)

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